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TAGS: CASC, KU, SA, ENRG

SUBJ: GOK MEASURES AGAINST GETTY OIL CO

REF: A) KUWAIT 2565; B) STATE 133785

SUMMARY: GETTY OIL COMPANY STILL HAVING PROBLEMS WITH GOK,  
BUT HAS NOT MISSED ANY LOADINGS YET. CHACE PLANS TO SHUT DOWN  
REFINERY JULY 5 UNTIL ADEQUATE PERSONNEL ON BOARD. RECENT OIL  
SPILL FROM GETTY UNDERSEA LINE APPARENTLY UNDER CONTROL. END  
SUMMARY

1. GETTY MANAGER CHACE FINALLY CONTACTED EMBASSY JULY 2. HE  
STATED MAIN PROBLEM IS THAT GOK HAS AGAIN FROZEN ALL PROCESSING  
OF PAPERS SO HE UNABLE BRING IN PERSONNEL TO MAN REFINERY AND  
OTHER OPERATIONS. HAS TWO REFINERY OPERATORS IN LONDON FOR WHOM  
HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE OBTAIN VISAS. SAUDI SUPPORT ENTIRELY  
USELESS, CHACE STATES. IN ADDITION GOK MIN HEALTH PRESSING GETTY  
TO BUILD OR EXPAND HOSPITAL AND DOUBLE STAFF; GOK MIN LABOR WANTS  
CONTROL ALL GETTY HIRING OF PERSONNEL.

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2. CHACE STATES REFINERY STILL HOLDING TOGETHER, BUT HE IS OVERWORKING PERSONNEL, 12 HOURS ON AND 12 OFF, AND THEY CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY. HE THEREFORE PLANNING SHUT DOWN REFINERY JULY 5 FOR MINOR REPAIRS, AWAITING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. TO DATE, CHACE SAID, HE HAD NOT MISSED ANY LOADINGS AND WOULD HAVE ENOUGH REFINED PRODUCTS FOR FOUR DAYS AFTER REFINERY SHUT DOWN. IF HE COULD START UP AGAIN SHORTLY, HE WOULD BE ALL RIGHT ON REFINED PRODUCTS, BUT HE WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE CAREFULLY.

3. FEW DAYS AGO GETTY HAD ANOTHER OIL SPILL WHEN UNDERWATER HOSE RUPTURED IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT. CHACE CLAIMS THAT WITH AID OF AMINOIL AND KOC TUGS, ETC SPILL WAS CONTAINED, DISPERSED AND SUNK SO IT WILL NOT CONTAMINATE ANY COASTAL AREA.

4. COMMENT: CHACE DID NOT SEEM TO FEEL DESPERATE ABOUT REFINERY OPERATION AND SAID IT REALLY NOT PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS, PROVIDED PERSONNEL NOT BADLY OVERWORKED. HE DID NOT INDICATE HE WANTED US TO DO ANYTHING WITH COMPANY, AND SINCE REFINERY BEING CLOSED DOWN, THIS POINT MOOT IN ANY CASE. BELIEVE NO RPT NO ACTION NECESSARY BY DEPT AT PRESENT, BUT WE WILL ADVISE IF SITUATION CHANGES.

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